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- 5 1. A method for automated project accountability comprising:
determining at least one decision maker of a project preparation;
determining a readiness category for the decision maker;
providing a readiness category rating for the readiness category;
determining a decision process for the readiness category and
readiness category rating;
conducting a project assessment as a function of the decision process;
- 10 and
- determining a project readiness as a function of the project
assessments.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
assigning vote weighting to the decision maker.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
changing a project management application graphical interface, as a
function of the project assessment.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
assigning a time limit in association with the project assessment and
the project readiness.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing a collaborative environment for the decision maker.

6. The method of claim 5 wherein the collaborative discussion mechanism is invoked for determining the readiness category, determining the decision process, conducting the project assessment, and determining the project
5 readiness.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the determination of at least one decision maker further comprises:

providing project information from a project creator;

accessing a data repository;

10 retrieving a list from the data repository;

selecting a project decision maker as a function of the project information and list; and

selecting at least one contributing decision maker as a function of the project information, list, and project decision maker.

8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:

providing technical information from the project creator; and

providing security information from the project creator.

9. A system for automated project accountability comprising:
means for determining at least one decision maker of a project
preparation;
5 means for determining a readiness category for the decision maker;
means for providing a readiness category rating for the readiness
category;
means for determining a decision process for the readiness category
and readiness category rating;
10 means for conducting a project assessment as a function of the
decision process; and
means for determining a project readiness as a function of the project
assessments.

10. The system of claim 9 further comprising:
means for assigning vote weighting to the decision maker.
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11. The system of claim 9 further comprising:
means for changing a project management application graphical
20 interface, as a function of the project assessment.

12. The system of claim 9 further comprising:
means for assigning a time limit in association with the project
assessment and the project readiness.

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13. The system of claim 9 further comprising:
means for providing a collaborative environment for the decision
maker.

14. The system of claim 9 wherein the means for determination of at least one decision maker further comprises:

means for providing project information from a project creator;

means for accessing a data repository;

means for retrieving a list from the data repository;

means for selecting a project decision maker as a function of the project information and list; and

means for selecting at least one contributing decision maker as a function of the project information, list, and project decision maker.

15. The system of claim 14 further comprising:

means for providing technical information from the project creator; and

means for providing security information from the project creator.

16. A computer readable medium storing a computer program comprising: computer readable code for determining at least one decision maker of a project preparation;

computer readable code for determining a readiness category for the decision maker;

computer readable code for providing a readiness category rating for the readiness category;

computer readable code for determining a decision process for the readiness category and readiness category rating;

computer readable code for conducting a project assessment as a function of the decision process; and

computer readable code for determining a project readiness as a function of the project assessments.

17. The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:
means for assigning vote weighting to the decision maker.

5 18. The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:
computer readable code for changing a project management
application graphical interface, as a function of the project assessment.

10 19. The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:
computer readable code for assigning a time limit in association with
the project assessment and the project readiness.

15 20. The computer readable medium of claim 16 further comprising:
computer readable code for providing a collaborative environment for
the decision maker.

20 21. The computer readable medium of claim 16 wherein the computer
readable code for determination of at least one decision maker further comprises:
computer readable code for providing project information from a project
creator;
computer readable code for accessing a data repository;
computer readable code for retrieving a list from the data repository;
computer readable code for selecting a project decision maker as a
function of the project information and list; and
computer readable code for selecting at least one contributing decision
25 maker as a function of the project information, list, and project decision maker.

22. The computer readable medium of claim 21 further comprising:
computer readable code for providing technical information from the
project creator; and
5 computer readable code for providing security information from the
project creator.

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